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NATIONAL UPRISING

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1. DURING THREE-DAY CELEBRATION COMMEMORATING 32ND ANNIVERSARY
OF 1944 SLOVAK NATIONAL UPRISING, GOC OFFICIALS AND LOCAL PRESS
FAILED TO MENTION U.S. ROLE IN THIS EVENT. THIS APPEARS
LINKED TO AN EFFORT NOTED BY EMBASSY OFFICERS TO GRADUALLY
ELIMINATE MONUMENTS AND PLAQUES COMMEMORATING US WWII PARTICIPATION
LIBERATION CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

2. TO OFFSET NEGLECT BY GOC AND UNPUBLICIZED REMOVAL MEMORIALS
WE SUGGEST VOA DO FOLLOW-UP STORY REVIEWING US ROLE AND GIVING
DETAILS OF US MISSION DURING SLOVAK UPRISING. PIECE CAN ALSO
POINT OUT REMOVAL OF MONUMENT AT LEDORE AND SOME PLAQUES THROUGHOUT
WESTERN AND SOUTHERN BOHEMIA, WHILE PROVIDING BACKGROUND US
ROLE IN LIBERATION. TONE SHOULD BE ONE OF REGRET, IN LOW-KYE
AND NOT IN ANY SENSE ACCUSATORY.
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